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SUBJ: THE PUERTO RICO ITEM AT THE BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED
CONFERENCE

1. THE PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR IN BELGRADE, BRADFORD HAMMITT, TOLD AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER THAT HE WAS PRESENT DURING THE LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL GROUP DISCUSSION OF THE PUERTO RICO ITEM AT THE BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT WHILE THE PUERTO RICAN REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAD SPOKEN TO THE CONFERENCE MADE LITTLE IMPACT, THE CUBANS WERE VERY TOUGH IN TRYING TO GET THE MOST EXTREME POSSIBLE ANTI-US LANGUAGE ON THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE, AND LARGELY SUCCEEDED.

2. THE PANAMANIAN SAID THAT HIS OWN DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO EFFECT MINOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LANGUAGE BUT WAS UNPREPARED TO FIGHT ALONE. ARGENTINA AND PERU REMAINED COMPLETELY SILENT THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION; PANAMA, BECAUSE OF ITS GREAT CONCERN THAT IT CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A RELATIONSHIP BOTH WITH RIGHTIST AND WITH LEFTIST GOVERNMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA FELT IT COULD NOT FIGHT HARD AGAINST THE CUBAN PROPOSAL. IF IT HAD DONE SO, IT WOULD HAVE LOST INFLUENCE WITH JAMAICA, GUYANA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND BARBADOS, AS WELL AS CUBA, AND THIS IT COULD NOT AFFORD. IT IS BECAUSE OF PANAMA'S DESIRE TO GET BETTER BALANCE
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INTO WHAT THE AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED AS THE "WEAK LATIN AMERICAN GROUP" THAT IT IS PUSHING SO HARD TO GET BOLIVIA ADMITTED TO THE NAM.

3. THE PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT PANAMA WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT RESERVE ON THE PUERTO RICAN PARAGRAPHS OF THE NAM FINAL DOCUMENT.

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